

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In my opinion, broadcast radio has become so commercialized and homogenized that it ceased to be worth listening to. While I realize the broadcasters need to make a living in order to stay on air, they have taken that need to an extreme. So extreme that they have polluted the airwaves with commercials and have reduced radio to the lowest common denominator. Satellite radio gives people like me who are willing to pay for decent programming the opportunity to do so. Those who are pushing to limit satellite radio do so because they feel that they cannot compete with the product that satellite radio provides. Any attempt to prohibit programming of satellite radio seems to me to be a restriction of freedom of speech as well as an unwarranted restraint of trade.

I Respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to continue to allow Siruis and XM to continue to provide the programming that meets the needs of people like me who are willing to pay for the excellent programming that satellite radio now provides, including weather and traffic, and might provide in the future.

Respectfully yours,

David Layne